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1. FORSTER VIEWS HIS VISIT PRIMARILY AS A COURTESY CALL. HIS OFFICE INFORMS US HE WILL USE IT TO INFORM RICHARDSON OF PLANS REGARDING FRG CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE US AND DISCUSS THE DATE OF THE NEXT GERMAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL TALKS. IN ADDITION WE CONSIDER IT NOT UNLIKELY THAT HE MAY BRING UP THE QUESTION OF PARITY FINANCING FOR THE FULBRIGHT-HAYS PROGRAM AND INQUIRE, AS HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, WHEN THE US EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO COVER 50 PERCENT OF A PROGRAM WHICH, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, SHOULD BE KEPT AT THE PRESENT LEVEL.

2. FORSTER MAY ALSO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF US PLANS REGARDING THE BICENTENNIAL AND INFORM RICHARDSON OF FRG THINKING. FYI, THE FONOFF'S THINKING RE A BICENTENNIAL PRESENT HAS FOCUSED ON SETTING UP A CHAIR AT AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY TO BE STAFFED BY GERMAN SCHOLARS. UNDER CONSIDERATION IS TO MAINTAIN THE HEUSS CHAIR AT THE NEW SCHOOL IN NEW YORK WHOSE PRESENT SUPPORTER, THE VOLKSWAGEN FOUNDATION, WILL DROP OUT OF THE PICTURE IN 1974 OR 75.
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